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## WILL YOU JOIN THE TIMES TREE PROTECTION LEAGUE?

### WHITE METAL MEN MEET

Silver Conference Begins Its Work Behind Closed Doors.

### JONES ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Eighty-five Delegates in Attendance at the First Day's Session—Organization Effected and Committee on Programme Appointed—Probable Effect of the Meeting.

Eighty-five delegates, comprising statesmen, politicians, laymen, and unknowns representing two less than half the number of commonwealths constituting the federal union, today assembled at high noon in the parlors of the Metropolitan Hotel, for the purpose of taking such action as will commit the Democratic party to the utmost use of silver as money without causing party defection or disruption.

The session was secret and a sentry guarded the door to prevent the entrance of the super-inquisition. Col. Livingston, of Georgia, made an appeal in behalf of the press, but his entreaties were unavailing.

Two hours before the meeting of the conference the lobby and parlors of the hotel were filled with men known as advocates of the extended use of silver as a money metal.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, who was to be presiding officer, sat in the reading-room explaining the object of the meeting to an interested lot of listeners. Senators Harris, of Tennessee, and Daniel, of Virginia, had a private consultation relative to the proceedings of the conference, in the room of the former. Ex-Senator Walsh, of Georgia, discussed the issue in question with a number of delegates in the lobby.

### WESTERN MEN ON HAND.

The Illinois and Missouri delegations arrived at the hotel early and were introduced to their colleagues from the South. Ex-Representative Brookshire, of Indiana, Representatives Livingston, of Georgia, and Cox, of Tennessee, discussed with delegates from other sections the advisability of the proposed move, while delegates not so well known listened attentively to their more experienced brethren.

### JONES MADE CHAIRMAN

The conference was called to order promptly at 12 o'clock. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, was elected chairman, and W. H. Hinrichsen, of Illinois, secretary. In opening the first session Senator Jones said that the conference had met in accordance with the call which explained its purpose. He wanted to see a silver metal organized to cope with gold forces.

### TOOK A RECESS.

After the adoption of the resolution a recess of thirty-five minutes was taken to allow the chairman, Senator Jones, to prepare the committee.

After the recess he decided to appoint a committee of one member from each State represented.

### DEPARTED FOR KUCHENG

Investigating Committee Leaves For The Scene of The Riot.

### MINISTER DENBY HAS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTERESTS IN HAND AND IS GIVEN WIDE DISCRETION.

A cablegram received at the State Department today from J. Courtney Hixson, United States consul at Foo Chow, reports the departure from that place of the mixed British and American commission to investigate the Kucheng massacre.

Mr. Hixson is a member of the commission and he is accompanied by Ensign Waldo Evans, of the Detroit, as the other American representative.

The secretary of the joint commission as an official body, whose conclusions will be binding, has not been accorded by the United States. Such authorization could not be given by Minister Denby, but by the Secretary of State or President only.

It is said at the State Department that Mr. Denby has the entire matter in charge, and made all arrangements respecting the commission without explicit instructions from Acting Secretary Adee.

As to how far the commissioners will act conjointly the State Department has no knowledge, and will leave it to the discretion of the American representatives whether they will join the British officials in making the same report to both governments.

As the conclusions reached and recommendations made by the commission will not be binding on this Government, it is a matter of concern whether the commissioners agree or not. Whatever they report, whether jointly or separately, will not interfere with negotiations between Great Britain and the United States as to what course shall be pursued, if both nations think it desirable to make a joint protest or demand.

### CHOLERA AN OBSTACLE.

Its Presence May Delay The Chinese Investigation.

A cable dispatch was received at the State Department this morning from Consul Reed, at Tien-Tsin, stating that there was cholera in Tien-Tsin and Che Foo.

This fact may interfere somewhat with rapid communication between Minister Denby and Admiral Carpenter, who have the questions pertaining to the recent Chinese outrages in charge.

### PAINTING BIDS OPENED.

Bids were opened today at the District Building for painting the Western Market building, as follows: G. W. Downey, \$350; Granite Paint Company, \$365; J. B. Walker, \$624; A. C. Glancy & Co., \$893; Gibson & Son, \$648.52; J. C. Murry, \$879; J. C. Lee, \$1,065; M. F. Nicholson, \$612; and John Green, \$657.

### HAS INCREASED COMMERCE.

The marine canal of the Lower Loire, says Consul Bennett at Nantes, France, in a report to the State Department, has greatly improved the condition of navigation that of the river from St. Nazaire and increased the commerce of the latter port, which was rapidly disappearing on account of the difficulties encountered in navigating the river.

### SUMMER PORTRAITS.



Vice-President Adlai Stevenson.

### EVERY TRADE IN UNIFORM

Picturesque Effect to Be Given Labor Day Parade.

### PRETTY SUITS SELECTED

Some Handsome Designs That Will Be Worn by the Various Bodies. White Duck and Blue the Favorite Combination—Handsome Frocks to Be in Line.

The impetus which organized labor in the District has within the past few months received will be shown in the celebration of Labor Day, on the first Monday in September.

Washington is already proud of her cohorts of organized laborers, but when the coming workman's holiday is over the impression will be none other than that hands and brains combine in elevating the laboring man of the District to the distinction of being the best fed, best clothed and best educated in the country.

A unique feature wherein the coming parade will differ from all of its predecessors is found in the fact that the men will be in the majority of instances uniformed. Heretofore it has been the custom for the majority of the men in line to dress in their best clothes and participate in the march. This time almost every delegation will be clad in the garments of the craft it represents.

While all of the participating organizations have not definitely announced the costume they will wear, in almost every instance the master of a uniform is under consideration, and one will be provided for each order.

### HOBBSHOES TO THE FRONT.

Hobbshoes' Union, No. 737, has been accorded the honor of leading the procession. It has been suggested that the members of the craft dress in gingham shirts and blue overalls and caps of black. A leather shop apron is intended to complete the outfit.

The Journeymen Plasterers will keep step at least 200 strong in white duck trousers to the music of their band. They will also wear blue serge coats and white duck caps.

The members of Bricklayers' Union, No. 1, will have the pleasure of listening in line to the first public rendition of the "Bricklayers' March," dedicated especially to the local union. There will be about 600 men in line dressed in uniform hats.

The delegates from the Eccentric Association of Steam Engineers will be outfitted in black trousers, blue shirts, black caps, and buff belts. Like many other participating organizations, the members of this order will display miniature emblems of the tools and products of the trade.

Though the members of the Carpenters' Council will not be one whit behind their brother organizations, they are as yet undecided upon the uniform to be worn. Hats, badges, and canes are still on the debatable list.

### IN BLUE AND WHITE.

The Plumbers and Gasfitters expect to have at the lowest 125 men in the ranks. These can not form other than an admirable company when the members are clad as they will be in white trousers, blue coats, and white caps, with bands of blue.

The number of Steamfitters and Helpers is not large, but every one of the members is expected to be in line, dressed as though he had just laid aside his tools to join informally in the parade. The uniform will consist of blue jackets and overalls, with black caps.

### FOUR KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Whole Family Struck Dead by the Same Bolt.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 14.—News has reached here that four persons were killed by lightning in Prince Edward County, several miles from this city, yesterday evening.

The residence of Henry Reed was struck by lightning, and Reed, his wife, and daughter were instantly killed.

A little son of Watt Lee, who lives near the Reed farm, was also killed about the same time.

### DEATH RODE THE HOT WAVE

Increased Mortality Shown by the Health Report.

Of One Hundred and Forty Fatalities More Than Half Were Little Children.

The effects of the extremely warm weather are manifest in the increased death rate during last week.

From 103, as reported by the health department week before last, the number of deaths increased to 140. This gives a death rate of 28.9, as against the annual normal of 23.05.

Diseases of the brain, 11; scarlet, 10, and diarrhoeal complaints, 32, compose mainly the increase. Nearly one-half of all the mortality was of children under ten years of age, 58 of whom were under one year old.

From dangerous contagious maladies there were two fatal cases of diphtheria, one of scarlet fever and one of whooping cough. Four deaths from typhoid fever occurred and two from heat stroke.

In other respects the health of the city is favorable for this season of the year, when the "dog star" reigns.

### AN OLD WELL DID IT.

Central Pillar of the Collapsed Ireland Building Stood Over It.

New York, Aug. 14.—The cause of the collapse of the Ireland Building, in which fifteen lives were lost, came to light when the workmen engaged in clearing away the debris in the cellar uncovered an old-fashioned well under the foundation.

It was situated directly under the central pillar of the structure, the undermining of which precipitated the disaster. The well was only eighteen inches below the concrete base on which the pillar rested.

It was of the old-fashioned sort, six feet deep by eight feet in diameter, lined with rough stones, and there was no water in it.

Lossing Her Sight. Berlin, Aug. 14.—A dispatch from Guendens states that a lady is entertained that ex-Queen Marie, of Hanover, the mother of the Duke of Cumberland, will become totally blind. Spots are forming on her right eye, and it is feared that they will extend to the left eye. The ex-Queen is very popular and her danger excites much sympathy.

### FIGHTING IN FORMOSA

Lively Engagements in Various Parts of the Island.

### WARFARE OF GUERRILLAS

Troops on Both Sides Small in Number, but the Fighting in Many Instances Is Reported to Have Been Decidedly Desperate and the Results Quite Generally Doubtful.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 14.—The steamship Empress of Japan arrived last night from Yokohama. There is a rumor current in Tokyo that Count Inouye will become foreign minister in place of Viscount Mutsu.

The country has been visited by severe storms, in which a train carrying nearly 400 invalid soldiers was derailed. Fortunately the number killed was comparatively small.

Among many proofs of stubborn courage shown by insurgents of Formosa perhaps the most remarkable was the conduct of a small body of 200, who had their headquarters at a place called Anping Chen, a short distance to southeast of Tientsin Lik, between Tai Beh and Sin Chun, connection between the two last places being frequently threatened by determined bands of insurgents. Major Miki was ordered to seek out the stronghold and exterminate them.

As a result of reconnaissance made by him was discovered that the enemy's stronghold consisted of two strongly built brick houses, surrounded on all sides by thick groves of bamboo, at Anping Chen.

### SURELY FIGHTING.

The major attacked this position on the 28th ultimo, but the enemy defended themselves so well, firing through holes in the walls of houses, that the Japanese officer, in view of the waste of life, that must be caused by storming the stronghold, decided to retreat and bring artillery to bear on the houses. The attack was repeated on the 2d instant. Outer works consisting of a circle of bamboo fences with thick backing of the fire-proof bricks, were taken without much difficulty. But the insurgents in the house kept up a well-aimed fire throughout the whole day, notwithstanding several holes were blown open in the walls.

Japanese troops, careless of the enemy's deadly fire, approached the houses, but it would evidently have been madness to attempt to enter through the holes in the walls so long as the defenders were able to pour a rain of bullets on all approaches.

Once more the Japanese retreated, not, however, before one of the gates had been blown up, killing four of the insurgents posted in its vicinity. Next day the Japanese again marched against the stronghold, when they found it entirely deserted by the doctored defenders. The houses contained a large number of dead bodies. Another small body of insurgents was stationed at a place a short distance from Sin Chun. A company of Japanese, with two mounted guns, was sent to attack the post on the 4th instant. The enemy fled from houses in villages which consequently had to be burned down.

On the insurgents retreating into their barracks a plunging fire was poured upon them from a neighboring elevation, with the result that seventeen were shot down and the rest took to flight. With the reduction of these two places communications between Sin Chun and Tai Beh were completely secured against interruption by the insurgents. Governor General Viscount Katsurama is reported to have sent a note to Lin Xung Fa, advising him to surrender.

### FURTHER ENGAGEMENTS.

A telegram from the governor general, dated Tai Pei, 4:05 p. m., on the 19th of July, and received at general headquarters on the following day at 4:25 p. m., says that after the attack on Lung Tan Po, on the 14th of July, Maj. Gen. Yamane stopped at that place to await the arrival of the battalion under Capt. Bojo.

On the 16th of July, however, early in the morning, the place was attacked and speedily taken. Then, turning in the direction of Tachan, the corps proceeded toward Tung Talpo, where a messenger detached from the battalion under Capt. Bojo was met, who reported the critical situation of the latter. So a forced march was made to Tachan and an attack made together with the battalion under Capt. Bojo from both sides, Tachan being captured at 6 p. m. The battalion under Capt. Bojo subsisted for several days on rice grain.

The casualties up to the time of the last engagement was five killed and thirty-five wounded in the battalion under Bojo, there were in addition some twenty killed and wounded in the corps under Maj. Gen. Yamane.

In the engagement 100 of the enemy must have been killed. Private advice from an officer in Formosa published in Tokio papers state that the obstinate resistance of the enemy still continues. On July 10 at about 5 a. m. some 700 rebels attacked the Japanese position at Sanchoh. A force under Col. Sakai repulsed them after fighting till 6:30 p. m. The enemy made a bold stand for thirteen hours despite their small number.

Adj. Yosiji and another were killed and two men wounded in the engagement. The scouts advanced to Tai Kuan and effected connection with the troops of the imperial bodyguards and encamped at a farm near there.

On the 16th of July an explosion of gunpowder occurred at the Anping forts by which over twenty Chinese soldiers were killed and some seventy wounded.

### PROPERTY OWNERS

Transfer of the School Raises a WARM PROTEST IS ENTERED

### Residents of a Swell Neighborhood Endeavor to Prevent the Proposed Change—They Declare It Will Depreciate Property—Committee Waits On the Commissioners.

There was a very vigorous protest presented to the District Commissioners today by a number of the taxpayers residing in the vicinity of Seventeenth and Q streets northwest against the transfer of the pupils of the Stevens colored school to the Miner building, at the corner of Seventeenth and Madison streets.

The Stevens building is undergoing repairs and until again ready for occupancy it is necessary to make some provision for the pupils. The trustees of the Miner building offered it for the purpose, and it was accepted with the understanding that the District should not be liable for rental, but the Commissioners agreed to make a recommendation to Congress for a special appropriation.

### WILSON IN THE LIST.

This temporary occupancy is what is objected to. The delegates were composed of Henry Willard, T. F. Schneider, W. E. Schneider, D. S. Hendrix, J. B. Church, Boyd Smith, F. M. Evans, T. L. Holbrook, and others, and in support of the protest a long list of property owners was submitted all of whom, it is understood, are indignant over the proposed transfer.

The list included the names of Postmaster-General Wm. L. Wilson, Robert Christie, John Cameron, Thomas Reeligh, B. S. Brinkenschoff, Henry Hart, F. P. Jones, Isaac Myers, K. S. Sals, L. S. Brown, Henry A. Smith, Thomas Dolan, J. W. Harsha, John Tweedale, Wm. Pond, John B. Wight, ex-Gov. Kellogg, Rudolph Goldschmidt and Dr. C. W. Fuller, nearly all of whom had been seen and expressed opinions adverse to the placing of the school there.

### WOULD HURT PROPERTY.

The argument used was that by introducing a colored school in that locality property values would be materially depreciated.

"You may have my property for 50 cents on the dollar," said Mr. Hendrix, "if the proposition is carried out."

"The fact is," he continued, "we don't want the school there, and don't mean to have it there."

After a lengthy discussion and the presentation of all the objections the Commissioners asked that the matter be left for their consideration, and promised to comply with the request, if possible.

### OMAHA STILL EXCITED.

Serious Result Expected Upon the First Outbreak.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 14.—Two police boards in two different parts of the city hall are assuming to be in power today. Up to mid-day no rioting had occurred, although today demonstrations were frequent.

No sensible person can understand how bloodshed is to be averted if the proposition is carried out by the rival boards. To these contemplate separate police forces arresting one another for impersonating officers.

The city hall is guarded from assault by the present holders, old board men, and the other apartments are likewise under strong guard. The city hall is crowded with spectators who have come to see trouble. The first case of violence will in all probability precipitate great disorder, as the strain is extreme.

### QUEER PLACE FOR POKER.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 14.—Robert Ross, Eli Lucas, Lucian Adkins, and John Albright, members of the most prominent families of the county, were lodged in jail here this morning. They took possession of a church during services, on Madison Creek, Sunday, and cursed the congregation while in prayer. Pulling a pack of cards they indulged in a game of poker while the services went on. Their action created a great sensation.

### MR. MELLIE AT HIS DESK.

Assistant United States Treasurer Mellie has returned from his vacation and resumed his duties at the Treasury.

### GOOD TIMES CORNER.

McCook, Neb., Aug. 14.—That the reports of the phenomenal grain crops of Nebraska are not mere inventions was demonstrated to the satisfaction of seventy land agents from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Iowa, who arrived here last night from Chicago on a special train.

From daylight yesterday, the agents, whose object is to verify the unofficial crop reports, with the view of promoting increased immigration, passed through the corn belts of southwestern Iowa and southeastern Nebraska, and through valleys patched solid with waving corn and over plains thickly dotted with shocks of wheat and oats.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 14.—The furnace of the Emburyville Iron Company, at Emburyville, Tenn., will go in blast September 15. It has a capacity of 200 tons of metallic iron per day, and employs a large number of men.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 14.—Notice has been given the employees of all the departments of the Bailey Iron Works of an increase from 5 to 15 per cent in wages, dating from July 29. Several hundred men are affected.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 14.—Fires were lighted in the plant of the Moorehead & McClellan Company, which has been idle for four years. It employs 1,000 men. The Pittsburg Iron Company.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—A young man who says he is George Ernest Broger, of Washington, D. C., was arrested last night on account of his suspicious actions. He says his parents are wealthy and he is trapped from Washington to Chicago to secure a rich wife. His mind is evidently unbalanced.

No such name as Broger appears in the city directory, and careful inquiry fails to locate any such family.

### FINALLY SOLD OUT.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—At 11:25 there being no other bids the Whiskey Trust property was knocked down to the reorganization committee for \$9,800,000.